

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## DR. PAUL PIERSALL

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, July 2nd



Dr. Paul Piersall will present a musical, patriotic program for us this week. Paul received his bachelor and masters degrees from Central Washington University and his doctorate in vocal performance from the University of Oregon in 1971. He taught at the college level from 1965 until his retirement in 2012 including positions at Columbia Christian College in Portland, Oregon, Pepperdine University in Malibu, California and at Abilene Christian University. Thirteen of those years were as department chair. Shortly after he retired in May of 2012, he found himself back at ACU as full-time interim director of choral activities for the 2012-13 school year. He continues to teach a few voice majors at ACU.

Most of Paul's professional life was equally divided between choral directing, singing, and teaching of voice. He has performed with symphonies, choral organizations and in opera in most of the western US and in 7 European countries and in Costa Rica, Venezuela, Chile and Korea. Closer to home, he has also appeared as a bass soloist with the Dallas Symphony, Abilene Philharmonic, Chorus Abilene, and the Abilene Opera Association. He served as director of the Classical Chorus of Abilene for 6 years and directed them on two international tours.

Paul is married to his wife of 52 years, Marian. They have 2 sons: Rick (director of opera at ACU) and his wife Pamela who have 2 children -- Anlyn and Trey; and Randy (owner of Piersall Funeral Directors) and wife Susan who have two children who attend AHS - Savanna and Greyson.



Charles Ellis led the opening prayer.



Kathleen Maxwell-Rambie presented the program.



Johnny Nguyen assisted in the program.



Belle Gardner assisted in the program.



Gayla Gill was inducted as a new member.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## Weekly Meeting

### June 25th, 2014

#### Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....Mark Hoover  
Prayer.....Charles Ellis  
Music.....Randy Williams  
Piano.....Lora Lynn Christensen  
Pledge.....John Ruiz  
Guests.....Russell Berry  
Cup Money.....\$28.00

### In our prayers

Remember to pray for Joan, wife of George Knight, and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin.  
Continue to remember: Edith Smith, James Shields, Jarrell Young, and Bill Zavatson  
Keep David Jones Mother-in-law in your prayers.

### Guests

Guest.....Member  
Joan Batson .....David Batson  
Gayla Gill.....Cynthia Laster  
Johnny Nguyen ..... Club Guest  
Wendy Cripps..... Club Guest  
Belle Gardner ..... Club Guest  
Alison Horn ..... Club Guest  
George Woodfin and Roma Howard from Greater Abilene Club

### Program

Jamie Breed introduced Kathleen Maxwell-Rambie who is the Development Officer for BCFS Health and Human Services. The organization operates the Abilene Transition Center and a residential facility for young men called "Our House". Kathleen introduced the following from the Abilene Transition Center: Johnny Nguyen, Wendy Cripps, Belle Gardner and Alison Horn. She communicated the history of the organization which got its start as a Mexican orphanage in San Antonio in 1944. Today they are a health and human services organization with efforts all over the globe. The Abilene Transition Center was established in 2011 and in 2012, "Our House" was established also in Abilene as a transitional facility for young men from ages 18 to 23. Our House can house 8 young men and their families. There is assistance with finding employment, educational needs and helping prepare them to be self-sufficient productive adults.

The Abilene Transition Center works with young

men and women. The staff offers hope, compassion and encouragement to those who come. The organization serves at-risk youth ages 15 to 25 from Abilene and the Big Country area. They work with youth who are transitioning out of foster care as well as juvenile justice youth and homeless youth. It was very interesting to learn of the efforts made to help youth transition into adulthood. The organization helps to bring resources together so that it becomes a "one stop shop" for the young adult helping them connect with resources for medical needs, education, jobs and any number of needs.

Johnny Nguyen also shared how they help guide youth to make good decisions and be successful in life. Belle Gardner shared her personal story. Belle just 3 years ago, at the age of 14, found help at the transition center. The center helped her earn her GED and she is now doing an internship with the transition center. The center is located at 1290 South Willis, Suite 55. Kathleen invited Kiwanians to stop by sometime for a visit.

Kiwanians can help. Their first fund raising event will take place at the Abilene Country Club at 6:45am on August 7th. This will be a steak and egg breakfast primarily for men. Jim Morris who inspired the movie, *The Rookie*, will be the featured speaker. More information about BCFS Health and Human Services is available online at <http://www.bcfs.net/>.

President Mark Hoover thanked the group for coming and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to help fund scholarships for youth.

He closed with the following thought from Adrian Rogers. "Faith believes in spite of the circumstances and it acts in spite of the consequences." Whether you are with the Abilene Transition Center stepping out in faith doing what you can for young people, or you are Kiwanians stepping out to try and meet the mission that we dedicate ourselves to. That is what it is all about.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Project Eliminate

Project Eliminate – Forms are available to commit to the Model Club goal. Let's get those pledges in and seriously work on meeting that goal.

### Congratulations

President Mark Hoover presented a Governors Sponsorship pin to John Snapp for sponsoring new

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member, James Floyd.

## 4-H Horse Show

State 4-H Horse Show is scheduled for July 20-26th and your help is needed. Volunteer on-line at <http://taylor.agrilife.org/> where you will find a link to the State 4-H Horse Show Volunteer site. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the upcoming Wednesday meetings.

## Harmony Family Services



John Snapp presented \$500.00 to Jamie Breed for Harmony Family Services. The funds will help provide shelter care for youth.

## New Member Inductions

Help us welcome Gayla Gill who was inducted as new Club Satellite member on June 25th. Gayla sponsored by Cynthia Laster, is a hard worker and loves to serve. She is involved in outreach at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church and excited to join the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Gayla attended new member orientation on June 3rd.

## Information Online

Directory and Members Information Documents are password protected. Contact Faye Dodson, Mark Hoover or Charles Kirkpatrick if you have trouble logging in.

## CALENDAR

- July 8th – Club Satellite Meeting combined with the Division 35 Council Meeting at 6:00pm to 8:00pm - Martinez Boys & Girls Club, 1301 Clinton – Come and Go Cook Out – Bring salad or dessert and come join the fun!
- July 17 – Board Meeting, Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon

Other Important Dates for Division 35 and



Alison Horn, Belle Gardner, Wendy Cripps, and Johnny Nguyen were guests today.

Kiwanis International:

- TX/OK District Convention: August 7-10, 2014 in Midwest City, OK 73140. Their website is: [www.heartland2014.com](http://www.heartland2014.com)  
Club Delegates will be Mark Hoover, Jamie Breed and Christine Curtis-Carr  
All Kiwanians are encouraged to attend.
- International Convention 2014: July 17-20, 2014 in Chiaba, Japan
- International Convention 2015: June 25-28, 2015 in Indiana.  
This Convention will be the Kiwanis 100th year anniversary!

## Kiwanis Through the Years:

- Outgoing President Nicholson closed out his year, and reported on the accomplishments of his presidential year and then our own Lt. Gov. Clive Pierce installed the new officers on Oct. 5. REACH OUT is the new theme for the 1977-78 year in Kiwanis. A new club is in the process of being organized in Haskell. Lt. Gov. Pierce, Clyde Grant and Mel Coltharp are making trips to Haskell to accomplish this. A bus load made up of 37 Kiwanians and wives went to the Charter Nite Banquet on Nov. 10. District Governor Charles B. Gillespie presented the Charter.
- Walter Ott made an appeal for Kiwanians to bring clothing suitable for Boys Ranch and Girls Home to the next meeting.
- The new president of Hardin-Simmons University, Dr. Jessie Fletcher spoke to the Club on November 16. He was introduced by Dr. Lindell Harris.
- Lt. Gov. Clive Pierce and J. B. & Molly Jordan attended the Albany Charter Night Program on November 18.

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

### Weekly Verse

*"Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."*

–Psalm 107:8-9

### Weekly Quote

*"How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?"*

–Author Unknown

### Weekly Thought

A poverty-stricken elderly woman in Europe complained that her wealthy son in America was cruel and ungrateful. "Does he never send you any money?" a friend asked. "Never a penny," she replied.

*By Mark Hoover*

"He sends me pictures quite often, but I do not need pictures; I need money." The friend said, "Do you have any of these pictures?" "Oh, Yes, I have them all. They are here in the old Bible." When she pulled them out, her friend gasped. The "pictures" were fresh, crisp fifty and hundred dollar bills, a huge and generous gift at the turn of the nineteenth century.

In order to enjoy our blessings, we first have to realize what we have. We might be sulking in squalor while we are surrounded by abundance. Are you missing any blessings in your life? Have you allowed misplaced values to rob you of the abundance God has given you?

Lord, open our eyes to see the gifts You have given us. Amen.

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## 2013-2014 DIRECTORS

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